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Pennsylvania's Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Oct 13, 2011 - - Based on conditions as of October 1, 2011, Pennsylvania's production of light air-cured Burley tobacco, Maryland-type tobacco, and grapes is expected to be above last year according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production of corn for grain, soybeans, dry alfalfa hay, Pennsylvania seedleaf tobacco, and apples is expected to be below a year ago. Other dry hay production is unchanged from last year.

Corn for grain production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 101.4 million bushels, 13 percent below last year's crop. Acreage for grain harvest is expected to total 930,000 with an average yield of 109 bushels per acre, compared with final estimates of 910,000 acres and 128 bushels per acre last year. Soybean production is expected to be 20.4 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year's production of 20.8 million bushels. Harvested area is expected to be 485,000 acres and yield is estimated at 42 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast, and unchanged from the final yield in 2010.

Alfalfa dry hay production is forecast at 1.125 million tons, 14 percent below a year ago. Pennsylvania farmers expect to harvest 450,000 acres of alfalfa for dry hay, with an average yield of 2.5 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton per acre from the 2010 average yield. All other dry hay production is forecast at 2.10 million tons, unchanged from a year ago. Pennsylvania farmers expect to harvest 1.0 million acres, with an average yield of 2.1 tons per acre, unchanged from the final average yield of 2.1 in 2010. .

Pennsylvania's production of light air-cured Burley tobacco is estimated at 10.75 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year's production of 10.08 million pounds. Acreage for harvest is set at 5,000 acres with an average yield of 2,150 pounds per acre. Maryland-type tobacco production is estimated at 6.15 million pounds, up 24 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is set at 3,000 acres with an average yield of 2,050 pounds per acre. Pennsylvania's seedleaf-type tobacco production is estimated at 3.655 million pounds, 26 percent below 2010's crop. Acreage for harvest is set at 1,700 acres with an average yield of 2,150 pounds per acre.

Apple production is forecast at 442 million pounds, 10 percent below last year's 492 million pounds. Grape production is estimated to be 98,000 tons, 18 percent above last year's production.

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At the **United States** level, corn production for grain as of October 1, 2011, is forecast at 12.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down slightly from the 2010 production estimate. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast, but down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2005. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several states based on administrative data.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.06 billion bushels, down 1 percent from September and down 8 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.5 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and down 2 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the second lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, down slightly from September and down 4 percent from 2010.

Nationally, production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay is forecast at 64.7 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down 5 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.35 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from August 1 and 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 19.3 million acres, unchanged from June, but down 3 percent from the previous year's acreage. Other hay production is forecast at 67.0 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down 14 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1993. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but down 0.20 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States yield since 1988. Harvested area is forecast at 38.3 million acres, unchanged from June, but down 4 percent from last year.

U.S. all tobacco production for 2011 is forecast at 638 million pounds, up 1 percent from last month, but 11 percent below 2010. Area harvested is forecast at 331,880 acres, 2 percent below last month and last year. Yields for 2011 are expected to average 1,922 pounds per acre, up 47 pounds from September, but 208 pounds less than 2010.

The final 2011 U.S. apple production forecast is 9.43 billion pounds, down 1 percent from August, but 1 percent above 2010.

U.S. grape production for 2011 is forecast at 7.09 million tons, down 4 percent from last year. Production is expected to be above last year in New York and Pennsylvania despite significant wind and water damage in coastal growing areas due to Hurricane Irene.

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